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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, VS

SUBJECT: ICCS: IRANIAN EVACUATION

REF: SAIGON 4305

1. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE URGENT DEMARCHE AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL CONCERNING REPORTED IRANIAN ICCS EVACUATION DRAWING ON REFTEL AND FOLLOWING.

2. USG UNDERSTANDS GOI'S DESIRE TO ENSURE SAFETY OF IRANIAN PERSONNEL AND CONSIDERS WITHDRAWAL FROM FIELD SITES MATTER OF PRUDENCE. HOWEVER, SAIGON REMAINS SECURE AT THIS TIME AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE ICCS PERSONNEL THERE ARE IN ANY IMMEDIATE DANGER.

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3. DRAWDOWN OF IRANIAN PERSONNEL TO "ABOUT SIX" WOULD HAVE DELETERIOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON INDONESIANS AND ON VIETNAMESE AND WOULD IN EFFECT TURN ICCS INTO A COMMUNIST INSTRUMENT. AT THIS TIME USG BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN ICCS AS IMPORTANT INSTRUMENT OF PARIS ACCORD IN ORDER NOT TO EXACERBATE THE CURRENT SERIOUS SITUATION.

4. THEREFORE, WE STRONGLY URGE GOI TO MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL AT ICCS HEADQUARTERS IN SAIGON TO MAN ITS DELEGATION AS WELL AS KEY SECRETARIAT POSITIONS. WE WOULD THINK THAT AT LEAST TWENTY OFFICERS WOULD BE NECESSARY. WOULD SUGGEST THAT IRANIAN DEL ICCS CONSULT WITH EMBASSY SAIGON AS TO NUMBERS REQUIRED. INGERSOLL

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